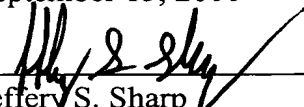




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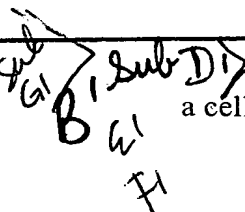
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2000 in which all pending claims (1-14) of the above-identified patent application were rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C. §112 (second paragraph) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) although claims 5, 6, 7 and 12 were indicated to be free of the prior art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as set out below:

 [Twice Amended] A method of assaying for the presence of an analyte in a cell sample which method comprises the steps of: